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DETERMINED DEFENSE OF THE DARDANELLES

ACCURATE FIRE FROM THE FORTS HAS CHECKED THE ALLIES SHIPS HAVE ADVANCED ONLY A FEW MILES INTO THE STRAITS AND IMMENSE TURKISH FORCES ARE ON THE SHORES

London, March 19.—The accurate fire of the German gunners, working the great Krupp guns in the Turkish forts of the Dardanelles, has caused a cessation of the concentrated bombardment of the Turkish works by the allied warships, says an Athens dispatch, but the report that the Bouvet has been sunk is discredited.

ALLIES NEED AN ARMY

It begins to look like it will be impossible to force the Dardanelles without the cooperation of land forces. A quarter of a million Turks are concentrated along the Dardanelles and shores of the Marmora sea to support the greatly strengthened fortifications.

SHIPS DID NOT ADVANCE FAR INTO STRAITS

It now appears that the earlier reports of the allies' successes along the Dardanelles were somewhat exaggerated. The straits have only been cleared as far as Kephezburno, twelve miles from the entrance.

PUNCTURED A PRINCE

Crown Prince Ruprecht of Bavaria has been severely wounded by the explosion of a shell in a battle in the Champagne district.

HYNDFORD WAS HIT

The Glasgow steamer Hyndford was torpedoed off Eastbourne in the English channel last night by a German submarine, but she was able to make port.

GERMANS HIT BLUE JACKET

The British steamship Blue Jacket was torpedoed by a German submarine off Beachy Head last night. This was the third steamer hit within twenty-four hours.

RUSSIAN CONDITIONS ARE NOT ROSEATE
Effects of the War Felt All Over the Czar's Vast Empire

Petrograd, March 19.—Rosy reports of conditions in Russia are constantly finding their way abroad. One would almost believe on reading these stories by correspondents of English birth and pro-British prejudices, that Russia is better off now than in peace time! This is a shameful mistake. The war burdens are bitter had on the lower classes in the empire. Misery is widespread.

It is true that the prohibition of the use of vodka has done something to alleviate the situation. But the effects are not as great as has been heralded abroad. What would be called "blind tigers" in the United States are springing up like mushrooms. Their specialty is "Tchantchi," said to be an imitation of a drink by the Chinese. It is much more potent than brandy or vodka.

Everywhere one hears complaints about the rising prices of the necessities of life. Speculators are blamed, of course, in addition the taxes are almost beyond endurance and hit the peasants especially hard.

The use of horse flesh for food is increasing. The government has reduced the freight charges on horse flesh, recognizing that it is now the food of the very poor.

In the Polish provinces conditions are infinitely worse than in the interior. The most alarming reports come from the small towns, where dire poverty prevails. There is a lack of coal, due to the German occupation of the mines of Jaglebie. This has necessitated the closing down of factories and industrial establishments and has consequently impoverished hundreds of thousands of Polish workmen. In Warsaw fuel is so high that four-fifths of the inhabitants go without it. Candles have taken the place of kerosene lamps.

Of all classes the Jews are suffering most. They are subject to pogroms as in the past, in addition to their other troubles, and many have been put to death.

First of the season—Pabst excellent "bock" beer on draft at Johnny's. 1f

REINFORCEMENTS BEING RUSHED

FRESH TROOPS POURING INTO FLANDERS AND NORTH-ERN FRANCE

Amsterdam, March 19.—Large forces of Germans and Austrians are being hurried into Flanders and France to meet the determined offensive of the British, French and Belgians. The Germans have suffered severely in Flanders and France recently.

PLEASANT VIOLATION OF PRINTED PROMISES

Elaborate Observance of St. Patrick's Day in the Evening

Editor Star: The Lake Weir Yacht Club may be "a perfect lady," but it is not "a man of its word."

When nearly 100 people sat down to the St. Patrick's Day supper at the club house, they found beautifully printed menu cards, done in the greenest of green ink, which held out high hopes for a gustatory revel. For instance among the soups were hairpin and whalebone; among the fish were pickers and suckers; among the cold dishes were cold shoulder and frozen fist; among the "roasts" were goat with drawn butter, and umpire with batter; among the game were poker, pinocle and tennis; among the entrées was wood block with cement sauce and liver peas; among the vegetables were dead beets, chilblains and lettuce alone, while the pastry afforded choice between glue mange, yeast cake, linoleum glaze and door jam in family jars.

But do you think that the diners were permitted to partake of any of these delectable products of the modern delicatessen shop? Not much. All they had was Irish stew—gallons of it—with the flavor of "the old sod," and baked beans, of the genuine Back Bay variety, and something like a hundred other side lines, presented in a fashion that would tempt a dyspeptic to his death.

I had heard that the yacht club always kept its promises; that when it said a thing it meant it. But we visitors were rudely shocked and disappointed when we found that we really could have none of the astonishingly attractive bill of fare. I made a few quiet inquiries and was lead to believe that Commodore Bickley must be held responsible for the failure to provide the articles of diet named on the bill of fare. I do not know what would have happened if they had been provided, for by the time the bottoms of the stew kettle and the bean pots had been reached, the services of Dr. Henry were in great demand to relieve those pains which follow overeating.

I am told by those who know that the absent members missed the epicurean feast of the club's history.

The dancing was not needed to keep warm, as the club house was comfortably heated, although a cold wind whistled off the lake. But the dancing gave much enjoyment. It was as great a medley as the menu, with its square dances and onesteps and hesitations. Miss Esther Boardman, of New York City, a guest at the East-lake Hotel, gave a very artistic interpretation of the stirring Russian dance and Mrs. J. G. Spurlin added to the festivities with some clog steps.

The table decorations included a beautiful Irish Harp that might have once resounded through Tara's Halls. It came from the Commodore's home, and Mrs. Bickley supplied the women with green paper caps and aprons and the men with green neckties. It was altogether a proper celebration.

All around the lake was represented, and Ocala and Leesburg. I am told that the Ocala members

of the yacht club are annually missing one of the rare treats of the season when they forget about St. Patrick's Day at the lake.

A Visitor.

PREPARING TO MAKE ANOTHER PROTEST

THE ADMINISTRATION DEMANDS THAT BLOCKADE MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE OBSERVED

Washington, March 19.—The blockade of Germany by Great Britain and France must be real to give the allies the legal right to stop commerce to Germany in neutral ships and through neutral countries. This is understood to be the position of the administration regarding the British "order in council," and is expected to form the basis of new representations soon to be made to Great Britain and France.

DOZEN STEAMERS AT THE NEW YORK DOCKS

Are Taking on Supplies for the European Armies

New York, March 19.—Work is being rushed in loading more than a dozen steamers with ammunition, guns, supplies, motor truck and other materials for the belligerents. Several steamship companies have been compelled to charter additional steamers to carry to Europe heavy cargoes waiting on New York piers.

The steamer Malte is at the French Line pier taking on a 12,000-ton cargo, said to be chiefly of war supplies, while another French vessel, La Gasconne, is being prepared to take horses to the allied armies on the continent.

The steamer, which was formerly in the passenger service, was equipped with stalls for that purpose.

The Philadelphia was to leave for Liverpool at once with a large cargo and the St. Louis and Orduna are loading to sail Saturday. The Europa and other Italian steamships sailing this week have their decks crowded with horses and their holds well filled with army supplies.

MR. JANSEN TO TEACH PHYSICAL CULTURE HERE

Mr. Karl Jansen, Swedish physical culturist and entertainer who today concluded a three days' Chautauqua engagement in this city, has been engaged by the school board to teach Swedish gymnastics in the Ocala public schools for a week, the date to be announced later. Mr. Jansen will conduct classes in physical culture, open to town people and will conclude his engagement with an entertainment at the Temple on the last night.

AMMUNITION MADE IN AMERICA

BEING USED BY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH IN THEIR TERRIFIC ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE GERMAN LINE OF BATTLE

Paris, March 19.—Two great drives against the Germans are now under way. A hundred thousand British soldiers are fighting to pierce the German line and press on to Lille, and in the Champagne district, between Rheims and the Argonne, the French have concentrated a vast army which is assaulting the German front with relentless fury.

Nearly a million men are engaged. It is reported that the allied gunnery is more effective because the allies are now using ammunition made in the United States, which is taken to prove it the best in the world.

COMMUNICATIONS CUT

The German line of communication has been destroyed northwest of Arras. The French have made important gains near Eparges.

BEAT DOWN TWO BATTERIES

Two more Turkish batteries in the Dardanelles are reported silenced.

ENGLISH WILL BE FIRST TO FEEL IT

London, March 19.—The Post published a letter today from a "neutral correspondent" in Berlin, declaring "if there is any shortage in food supplies in Germany, the English prisoners will be the first to be starved."

"VICTORY OF VILLA"

ROUTED ARMY OF CARRANZA AT RAMONES

Juarez, March 19.—The constitutionalists today admit that Villa's army has defeated the Carranzaists at Ramones and is pressing toward Tampico. The Villaists claim a great victory, capturing quantities of guns and ammunition and 500 prisoners.

SEEKING A MORE SALUBRIOUS SITUATION

Chihuahua, March 19.—Provisional President Garza and his cabinet will leave Mexico City for Chihuahua as soon as railway communication is restored, where the temporary capital will be established. Mexico City will be made neutral territory.

ATHENIAN SOCIETY

The Athenian Society at its regular meeting this afternoon rendered the following program:

Reading of minutes.
Subject: Story Telling.
Humorous story: Mollie Blalock.
Fairy story: Louise Toffaletti.
Humorous story: Elizabeth Cow-drick.
Fairy story: Virginia Beckham.
Ghost story: Ed Locke Eyeslimer.
Fairy story: Irene Henderly.
Fairy story: Margaret Edwards.
As this was a contest between the seventh and eighth grade pupils, the judges, Miss Dorothy Schreiber and Miss Nan Brooks, decided in favor of Irene Henderly of the seventh grade. Society adjourned to meet April 2.

Easter cards, The Murray Company.

OTTOMANS ON THE OFFENSIVE

SUNK FRENCH BATTLESHIP IN THE STRAITS
ATTACKED RUSSIANS ON BLACK SEA COAST AND DEFEATED BRITISH IN GARDEN OF EDEN

Constantinople, March 19.—The French battleship Bouvet has been sunk by the Dardanelles forts.

Turkish warships, taking the offensive in the Black Sea, bombarded and fired the shipyards and torpedo destroyer station west of the Russian port of Theodosia.

The Turks have captured Korna at the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers from the British.

SENOUSSI HAVE SWEEPED THE SOUDAN

According to Berlin, the British Are About to the Driven Out of Africa

Berlin, March 19.—A German merchant who recently has returned from Egypt is authority for the declaration that the whole of the Sudan, including Khartum, and also parts of Nubia are in possession of the Dervishes.

The statements of the traveler are published in the Vossische Zeitung. He describes also an engagement near Fashoda last December, in which General Hawley, of the British army, and a number of other officers, together with almost 2,000 men, lost their lives.

The merchant in question relates a story of the alleged uprising of the Senoussi tribesmen in November. He declares that they destroyed an Australian camp near the Pyramids on November 19, killing 200 Australians and capturing guns and provisions. Later, in large force, not less than 80,000, they overpowered the entire province of Fayum and destroyed all railroads, including the Cairo-Assuan line. December 1 they destroyed the Alexandria-Cairo railroad near Dammanhur.

Thousands of tribesmen responded to the appeal of the Dervishes, and on December 13 40,000 of them marched in the direction of Fashoda on the White Nile, where General Hawley opposed them with 6,000 troops. Of the men under Hawley all the native soldiers deserted to the Dervishes, leaving him with only 2,000 men. Most of this contingent was killed, and General Hawley and all his officers fell. Nabus-El-Asi, commanding the Dervishes, had all his prisoners decapitated.

As a result of this victory all the native chiefs joined the Dervishes, who on January 1 took possession of the important military post at Nasser, in the district of Senaar.

This merchant declares further, more that the Dervishes destroyed all the telegraph lines in lower Egypt. No word of the conquest of the Sudan has been allowed to leak out.

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RUSSIAN ADVANCE IS RIDICULED

INVASION OF EAST PRUSSIA IS BY SMALL BANDS OF INCENDIARIES

Berlin, March 19.—The Russian claims of another successful invasion of East Prussia are denied emphatically. The Russian movement toward Memel in northeastern Prussia is by small bands of incendiaries who are being driven back.

The Germans are bombarding Ossowice.

PUSHING FRENCH FROM THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS

The Germans have repulsed the French north of LesMesnil and Beaussejour, forcing the foe to retreat from their original positions in the Champagne district.

A new French offensive, with desperate fighting, has begun southeast of Verdun.

DETERMINED TO MAKE CHINA A JAPANESE DEPENDENCY

Advantage to the Full Being Taken by Mikado of the War in Europe

London, March 19.—The Manchester Guardian publishes what is described as a complete list of Japan's demands on China, and says editorially that their general effect would be seriously to impair China's independence and place entire provinces under the tutelage of Japan.

The paper compares the Japanese demands as sent out by press correspondents at Peking with the version published officially by Japan.

"It will immediately be apparent from this comparison," the paper continues, "that not only had many of the most important demands been omitted from the list as supplied to the powers interested, but others had been so modified as to disguise their real character. Thus Japan did not indicate that while she insisted China should agree not to alienate any portion of her coastline or any islands off her coast to a third power, she retained the right to demand herself the lease of cession of such territory."

"Neither did Japan let it be known that she demanded exclusive mining in the Yangtze basin, and she be allowed to construct railroads which would seriously affect British interests in that region."

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